

discount rates for specific traveler groups like corporate travelers, and the like, the RCMS 300 can determine a special rate/code for the car class when included in packages. The special rate/code can be lower than the available (regular) rate/code, when selling the car in packages is targeted to attract leisure travelers to use cars that would otherwise be left unused. The special rate/code can be higher than the available rate/code when selling the cars in packages is targeted to improve service for business travelers who prefer to find a complete set of products, for example a flight combined with a hotel room and car for a conference. The RCRS 302 transmits information on the inventory and pricing for the hotel special rate listing to the CRS 304 as well as packages scheduling system (PSS) 402, as shown in figure 4. It can send the PSS only the packaging rules, in cases where the pricing and availability can be automatically retrieved by the PSS using a connection to a price and availability system, like a CRS.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 13 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 4, the packages scheduling system (PSS) 402 also receives information defined by packaging experts and is stored in a knowledge base 408. The information in the knowledge base is used by the system to classify geographical locations to types of activities (e.g. Aspen, Colorado has Ski facilities between December and April each year). The information in the knowledgeable knowledge base also includes information about proximity between locations (e.g. that a hotel in Goleta, California, is nearby the airport in Santa Barbara, California, and therefore a package of the 2 may be built).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14 as follows:

The travel agent can book the package through the PRS 500 and receive a confirmation code for the entire package, and conformation confirmation codes for each product within the package.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 20 as follows:

In step 1102, the consumer request is validated (the package exists and matched the requested dates) and a list of all the products and vendors that are involved in the package is found.